



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOUNDATION

"Changing the World One Student at a Time"

ISF NEW STUDENT APPLICATION 2016-2017 Academic Year

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in ISF. We are a non-profit organization committed to changing the lives of our students through education, mentoring and leadership training.

The Mission of ISF is to transform orphaned or former foster care students into tomorrow's leaders by providing assistance so that they may pursue their dreams of higher education.

ISF scholarship recipients receive financial assistance to help attend college. They are also partnered with a personal mentor to work with them through their journey. They also receive the benefits of leadership training through ISF programs.

Is this program right for you?

ISF Student Applicants:

- Can demonstrate that they were orphaned or in foster care and are not currently adopted or supported by a parent or legal guardian.
- Are of strong moral character and are willing to learn.
- Are planning or applying to be a full time undergraduate student for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Have and are able to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Are 23 years of age or less on March 31 of the year of application.
- Have submitted the FAFSA application 2015-2016 school year.
- Are willing to commit to a mentoring program of twice monthly phone conversations with assigned ISF mentor.
- Demonstrate a commitment to personal growth and leadership development. *ISF selects students each year to attend a Leadership and Life Skills retreat and/or participate in a mission trip.*



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If you think this program is right for you:

- Fill out the application attached and complete your essay as described.
- Obtain your most recent transcript and proof of FAFSA submission
- Take a decent quality digital photo of yourself
- Obtain documentation or a letter confirming your status in foster care or as a ward of the state prior to 18 years of age.
- Obtain your Student Financial Award letter from your school. (if not currently available this can be provided later)
- Ask a teacher or another adult to provide a recommendation letter
- Scan all of this into your computer.
- E-mail all the above to: gina@isfsite.org.
- Please put *"New Student Application – Your Name"* in the subject line.

Applications are due by March 31, 2016.

We will evaluate your application and let you know your status, via e-mail, by June 1, 2015.

Financial Awards are paid to a third party (academic institutions to cover tuition or to pay for other approved living expenses deemed necessary for students).

Payments are distributed as follows

- Half of annual award is available in August of 2016. Fall schedule indicating full time status is required for disbursement.
- Second half of annual award is available in January 2017, provided academic transcripts from fall of 2016 show student in good full time standing and maintaining 2.5 overall GPA, and student shows Spring 2017 schedule indicating a full time course load and a positive report from his or her mentor.

Please feel to e-mail me with any questions or concerns at any time during this process: gina@isfsite.org.

Thank you for your interest! I look forward to hearing from you!

Gina Fawcett



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Personal Information:

Full Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name if different: _____

Current Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Gender: Male or Female: _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes or No: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

Birth Place: _____

Describe your current living arrangement?

(i.e. with parents or relatives, own apartment, school dorm, living with family or friends):

Are you or have you ever been in foster care? _____

If yes, please provide details. Ages in foster care, number of placements, etc.

If no, who did you live with growing up?



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Are you in contact with your parents? _____

If not, are they deceased?

If yes, please briefly describe your current relationship with them.

Are you currently attending school? _____

If yes: Name and address of School _____

Type of School (*High School, Junior College, four year college, etc.*): _____

What is your current GPA? _____

If not currently attending school, why not? _____

What school are you attending next year? If unsure, what schools are you applying to?

What is your intended major? What careers are you interested in pursuing?

What are your hobbies, extra-curricular and volunteer activities?



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Financial Budget Information:

What is the full time semester tuition of planned college or university?

Will you be living on campus? _____

If so, what is room and board per semester? _____

If not, what will you be paying in monthly rent? _____

Monthly food budget or Meal plan Cost? _____

Monthly Utilities? _____

Monthly Phone/Technology?: _____

Fees for Books each semester? _____

Do you own a car? _____

If yes: What is your monthly budget for loan payment, insurance, gas, tolls, repairs?

If not, do you need to budget for other transportation to attend school? (train or bus ticket?)

What other Scholarships/Grants are you applying for?

Will you take out any student loans?



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Do you plan to hold a job next year? _____

If yes, what type of job and what is your estimate of your monthly salary?

How did you hear about ISF?

Mentor Worksheet:

If accepted into our program you will be assigned an adult mentor to work with throughout the school year. The minimum requirement is to meet with your mentor, over the phone, for 2 hours per month during the school year.

Are you willing to make this commitment?

Please circle Yes or No

Please indicate what adult mentors you have had in your life thus far:

Please describe what has been good about your prior mentoring experiences:

Please describe what has been a disappointment to you about your prior mentoring experiences?



What does a positive mentoring experience look like to you?

What goals do you have for:

This upcoming school year (2016-2017):

In three years:

How do you think an effective mentor can help you meet your goals?

What qualities would an ideal mentor for you possess?

Essay Requirement:

Please describe how you are able to overcome the obstacles put before you? Please use examples from your own life. Tell us about your personal journey, What are your personal goals? What obstacles have you faced? How were you able to overcome these obstacles to get where you are today? How do you plan to continue to rise up to be the impending leader you plan to become?

Essay will be evaluated on content, grammar and spelling, and must be 2 pages, double spaced with 12 pt. font.



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Authorization:

I certify that the information I am providing to ISF for consideration of a scholarship is true to the best of my ability. I give permission to ISF to investigate the information provided to them here. ISF may use my candidacy for promotion to assist in generating funding.

If selected, I agree to fulfill my obligations as an ISF student of scholastic achievement and personal development, including meeting with my assigned mentor for the time allotted and actively assisting in the process. I also agree to attempt to attend events and training if requested.

Signature and date: _____